

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-31, and 35 are pending in the present application.

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for withdrawing the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph (written description). Reconsideration of the outstanding grounds of rejection is requested.

The rejection of Claims 31 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Michaeli et al in view of Greene is obviated by amendment.

Applicants make not statement as to the propriety of the Examiner's allegations in making this ground of rejection and in no way acquiesce to the same. Applicants preserve the right to present the previously pending claims in a continuation application and request that such presentation be without prejudice. Incidentally, to expedite examination of this application, Applicants have amended Claim 31 to include the limitations of Claim 33, which the Examiner has recognized to be free from the cited prior art. In view of this amendment, it is believed that this ground of rejection is no longer tenable.

Acknowledgment that this ground of rejection has been withdrawn is requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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